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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, Department  
of the Air Force

SUBJECT: German and Japanese basic assumptions for psycho-  
logical warfare during World War II.

1. The National Psychological Strategy Board has asked that an effort be made to search out and describe such intelligence materials as may be available concerning German and Japanese psychological warfare operations in World War II. The primary purpose is to gain information concerning German and Japanese basic assumptions as to the predispositions and vulnerabilities of their target populations.
2. There is general belief that important materials bearing upon this subject were collected during and after the close of hostilities, and that they may still be held, perhaps under conditions of dead storage, in the custody of the several Defense Departments and the Department of State. It is possible that important materials of the sort desired are still in the custody of FECOM and of the several commands in Europe.
3. Bibliographies of available unclassified published materials on this subject have been compiled.
4. It is requested that each of the addressee agencies provide for CIA brief description of such files known to it as might be of value in meeting the needs of the National Psychological Strategy Board.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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